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B. Keith Overcash, Director
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Dear Mr. Overcash:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has reviewed the Raleigh/Durham and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point 1-hour ozone maintenance plans formally submitted on June 4, 2004, to determine the adequacy of the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB), pursuant to section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93, Subpart A).

The Transportation Conformity Rule identifies limited technical and administrative criteria that must be used in determining adequacy of a submitted State Implementation Plan (SIP) MVEB for transportation conformity purposes. We have determined that the Raleigh/Durham and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point 1-hour ozone maintenance plans contain adequate MVEBs.

The Raleigh/Durham and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point 1-hour ozone maintenance plans have MVEBs for both volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) for the years 2007, 2010, 2012, and 2015. These maintenance plans are updates to the previously submitted 1-hour ozone maintenance plans for the Raleigh/Durham and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point areas.

This letter finds adequate the submitted MVEBs for the Raleigh/Durham and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point 1-hour ozone maintenance areas. The MVEBs have been allocated to subareas by county (see Enclosure). These MVEBs have met the standard requirements that any MVEB must meet before it can be used to determine conformity for a transportation improvement program or long range transportation plan. This adequacy finding does not relate to the merits of the SIP submittals nor does it indicate whether the submittals meet the requirements for approval.

The USEPA opened a comment period on the adequacy of the MVEBs contained in the Raleigh/Durham and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point 1-hour ozone maintenance plans by posting it to our web site on April 27, 2004. The web address is www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm. The comment period closed on May 27, 2004. No comments were received.

More information on SIPs and adequacy reviews is available on the USEPA web site. It is expected that the USEPA will soon publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this adequacy finding. The Federal Register will also announce the date that the adequacy finding becomes effective. The 2007, 2010, 2012, and 2015 MVEBs will be available for use on the effective date. If you have questions, please feel free to call me or Matt Laurita of the Region 4 USEPA staff at (404) 562-9044.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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